

Just A Little Dare?

Age Range:

8-11, Years 4-6,
KS2

Topics Covered:

Relationships, Grooming

Time:

40-60 Minutes

Equipment needed:

Worksheet supplied

Learning Outcomes:

- Children have an increased ability to identify signs of abuse including grooming / child sexual exploitation (CSE) or abuse (CSA).
- Children have an increased confidence in telling an adult if they feel unsafe.
- Children have increased knowledge of relevant and appropriate services that can support children if they do not feel safe e.g. Childline.

This exercise supports key topics identified in the new statutory RSHE guidance, including:

- Online relationships
- Respectful relationships
- Being safe

An exercise to explore unsafe relationships online.

Introduction

By the end of this exercise, the learners will be able to explore and identify issues around unsafe relationships online and grooming.

Exercise

Explain to the young people that you are going to focus on online gaming and safety. Tell the young people you are going to read them an extract from the diary of a 10 year old boy called Leo ...

The summer holidays are THE BEST I get to spend so much time playing. I downloaded this new game on my iPad last week and I am already doing amazing at it. I got to create my own little emoji which means it's safer than other games because people can't see who I am. There is also this chat bit where you can share advice and tips with others. This girl called 'Daisy499' has helped me so much. She is really nice and we chat for ages, sometimes we even talk when we are not playing the game.

Run a discussion using the questions below.

- How might Leo feel when he talks to Daisy?
- Why might Leo trust and talk to Daisy?
- Why might Daisy be talking to Leo? *If the young people bring up that the gamer might be lying about who they are ask: Even if Daisy is a young female should he trust her? Does it make a difference what gender they are?*

Read out the next diary extract:

I am so annoyed! Last night I could not get past this level on my game. Daisy did straight away and I was really jealous, she kept saying that 'girls are better than boys' and 'you are so weak'. It upset me but I didn't tell her that. She said that she would give me some of her coins so I can automatically get to the next level, but only if I did this little dare. She said the dare was to send her a photo of me without my clothes on. My tummy felt well weird when she asked. I don't know what to do.

Explain to the young people that sometimes people in real life and online can pretend to be someone's friend, they may pretend to care for them and build up trust but they do it just to trick them into doing things like taking inappropriate photos. If someone does manipulate someone like that it is called 'Grooming'. Grooming is a criminal offence and very serious.

Hand out the worksheet to the young people and ask them to think about 5 things that Leo can now do to help keep him safe and get advice.

Summary

Recap with the young people that it is really important that if someone feels unsafe whether online or real life, they should always talk to an adult they trust. You could also supply Childline information and www.thinkuknow.co.uk website.

Feeling unsafe online?

Here is some help...

1.

Always tell a trusted adult!

Like...

2.

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